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Applicant: Mark Hechinger ) Examiner: Cheu, Changhwa J. Serial No.: 09/873,866 ) Art Unit: 1641 Filing Date: June 04, 2001 ) Re: Response For: "No Wash Bead Assay, Kit ..." ) Our Ref: 1007-103.US ) Date: January 22, 2004

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

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TECH CENTER 160012900 This is in response to the office action mailed September 2003. A Petition for a one month extension of time with fee is enclosed herewith.

Please amend the application as indicated hereunder, and consider the arguments and points discussed in the Response.

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